

Lifting the EPA Tap Water Advisory

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epa.gov (EPA internet) We spent today with GSA and the Park Place building management to review their drinking water sampling plan/protocol and sampling results from floors 16, 17, 20, and 21. Based on our review today, I am pleased to report that we identified only one location that exceeds the action level for lead, the 16th floor employee lounge. To eliminate exposure at that location, the building management closed off the water supply to the affected refrigerator and sink until we can determine the source of the problem. We have asked for further testing of 16th floor drinking water sources and the building management agreed to conduct the testing next Tuesday. We have asked for further testing on the 1st floor in advance of our occupancy. The building management is also conducting additional tests in the fitness center.

Test results show no elevated lead level above the action level on floors 17, 20, and 21. GSA drinking water tests conducted over the last three years at the Green Tree day care centers also show no elevated lead level above the action level. Although we do not have any information about our other floors in Park Place, based on the results from floors 17, 20, and 21 and the Green Tree day care center, we do not expect tap water in the building to exceed the action level.

Nevertheless, we continue to take this matter very seriously so we plan to conduct our own testing in our space in the coming weeks. We will share all results with you.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kay Voytilla or Mark Filippini.

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